

***Aneuopria foersteri* (Kieffer, 1910) (Hym.: Diapriidae) — a species and genus new to Britain.**

On 11.iv.1987 I collected a specimen of the parasitic wasp *Aneuopria foersteri* (Diapriidae, subfamily Diapriinae) crawling amongst downland turf on the White Downs, Surrey (TQ1148). Following consultation with the British Museum (Natural History), as it was then, drawings were sent to Dr Lubomir Masner of the Biosystematics Research Institute of Ottawa who stated that he was "reasonably sure" of its identity.

This is a variable species which has been recorded from most of Europe eastwards to Turkey and also according to Dr Masner (*in litt.*) from Morocco and Iran; there is in addition one isolated record from Central Africa. My specimen was of the brachypterous form which is apparently the commoner. An illustration can be found in Masner, L., and Sundholm, A., 1959, *Casopis Československé Společnosti Entomologické*, 56: 161-168. The said paper also details the synonymy of *Aneuopria* Kieffer, 1911. I thank Drs L. Masner and J.S. Noyes for their help with identification.— D.A. PRANCE, 209 Peregrine Road, Sunbury, Middlesex TW16 6JJ.

A further note on *Scolopostethus pictus* (Schilling) (Hem.: Lygaeidae)

On 31.iii.1991 I was examining a dead cubically fractured trunk of alder on the River Severn bankside (SO83) near Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire. At a height of some two metres, just above the limit of flood sediment penetration of the wood, I located a *Scolopostethus pictus*. The left antenna was aberrant. The second antennomere was longer than normal, the third almost as long as a normal third and fourth, and the fourth was vestigial.

The finding is in line with my earlier note (Whitehead, 1991, *Ent. Rec.* 103: 82). A single specimen of the notable staphylinid *Atheta basicornis* (Muls. & Reg.) was also taken in fairly typical habitat, as an addition to the Gloucestershire county list.— P.F. WHITEHEAD, Moor Leys, Little Comberton, Pershore, Worcs WR10 3EP.

The Stout Dart, *Spaelotis ravida* (D. & S.) (Lep.: Noctuidae) — a recent record from south-east Scotland

On 6.ix.1989 I found a dead specimen of the Stout Dart, *Spaelotis ravida* entrapped in cobwebs in an outbuilding on the Bush Estate, near Penicuik, Midlothian (v.c.83; OS Grid ref. NT2463). Although arachnid thoroughness had ensured that the body was well mutilated, the wings were in almost immaculate condition; hence identification posed no problems. The significance of the find only became apparent to me when I saw that Bretherton, Goater & Lorimer (*The Moths and Butterflies of Great Britain and Ireland*, Volume 9) state that it is "not reliably recorded this century in Scotland." The immediate vicinity around the outbuilding consists mainly of unimproved grassland and deciduous woodland border.— K.P. BLAND, 35 Charterhall Road, Edinburgh EH9 3HS.